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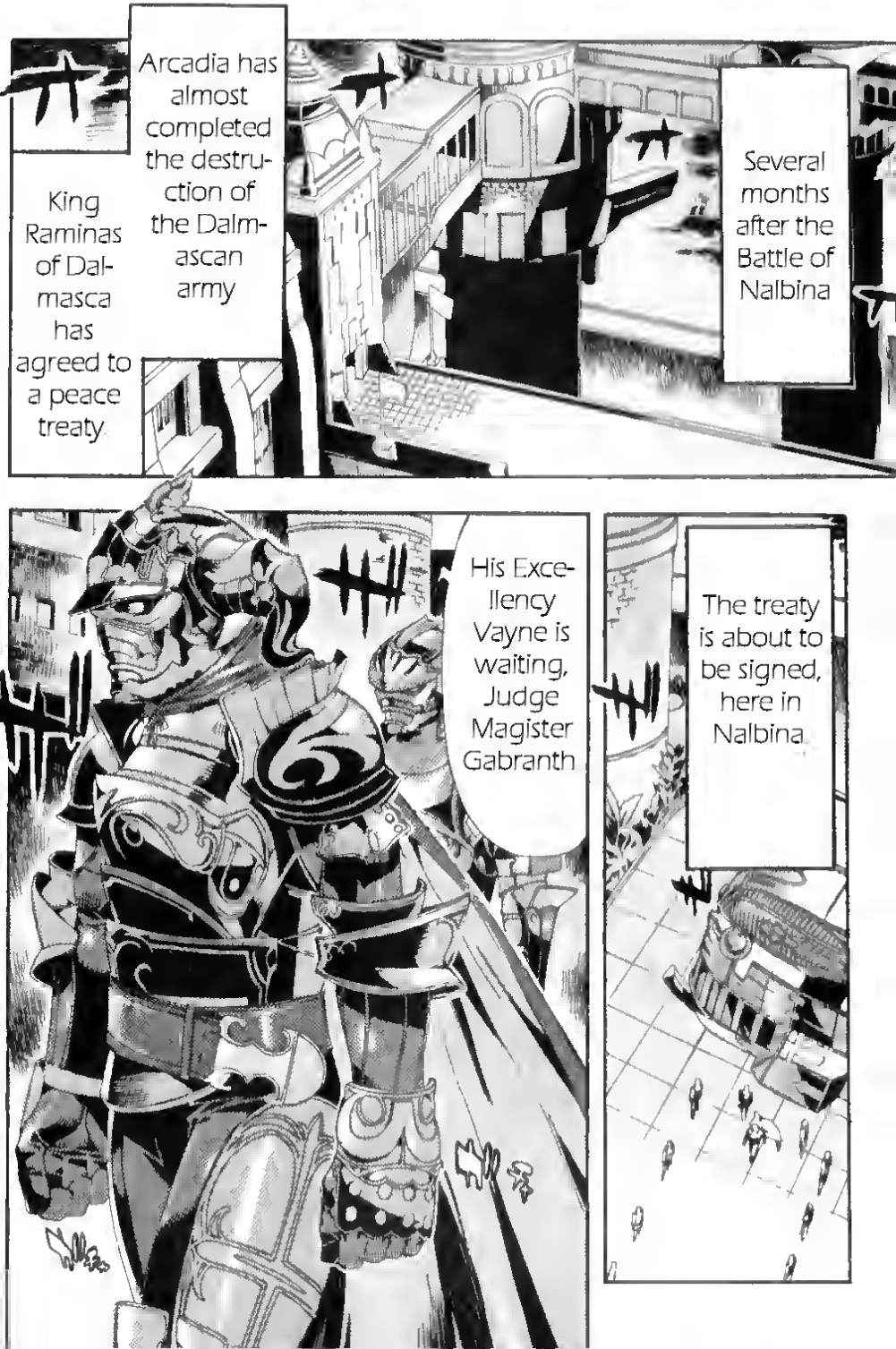
Several months after the Battle of Nalbina
Arcadia has almost completed the destruction of the Dalmascan army
King Raminas of Dalmasca has agreed to a peace treaty
The treaty is about to be signed, here in Nalbina
His Excellency Vayne is waiting, Judge Magister Gabranth

He's already arrived. Right now he's resting in his chambers. We'll have the signing ceremony tonight.
Tonight... Is that wise?
Where's His Majesty Raminas?
That was fast, Judge Gabranth.
It doesn't matter. My goal isn't peace in Dalmasca.
But my fath.. the Emperor could not be here, and so I must speak for him.
...How-ever

If His Majesty Raminas were to die, then this conversation becomes irrelevant.
Yes... for example, an unfortunate accident.
But, wouldn't the senate have any sort of potential threat at the conference silenced?
Fufu. I'm not next in line to be Emperor without reason after all.
...Assassination.

I assume you've heard of him?
Dalmasca's General, Basch Fon Rosenberg

..Yes
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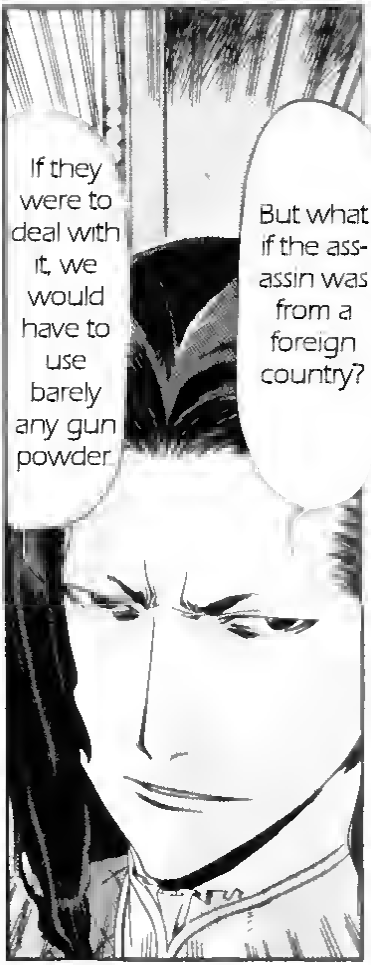
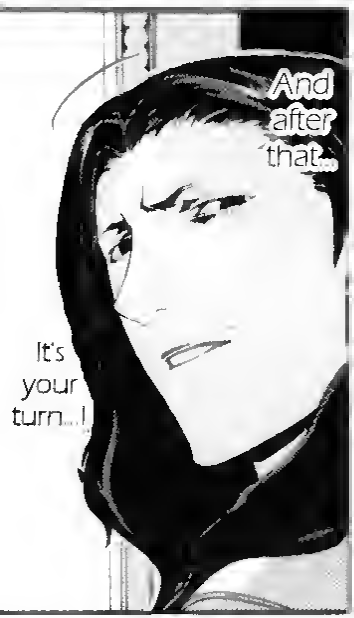
That assassins would be moving on their King here at Nalbina
If I were to feed information to the Dalmascan military...


If they were to deal with it, we would have to use barely any gun powder.
But what if the assassin was from a foreign country?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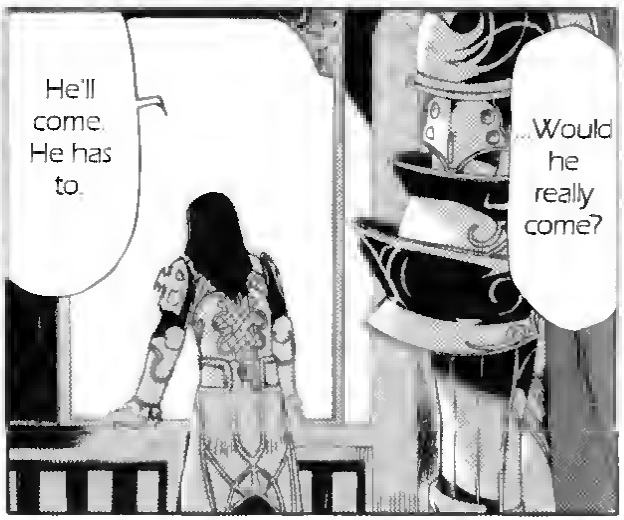

He'll come. He has to.
...Would he really come?

In other words, Basch will be a traitorous general.
I see.
Claiming it as a last resort.
In order to destroy the peace, the General will take the King.
Dalmasca will fall!
The Emperor will begin the invasion once again, and.
Dalmascan soldiers will witness it.
Do it? Your Highness says some strange things.
And if the threat comes from Dalmasca's side, we'll have no choice but to destroy them in battle.
Could you handle doing it? Judge Gabranth.
That's right General Basch will become a traitor

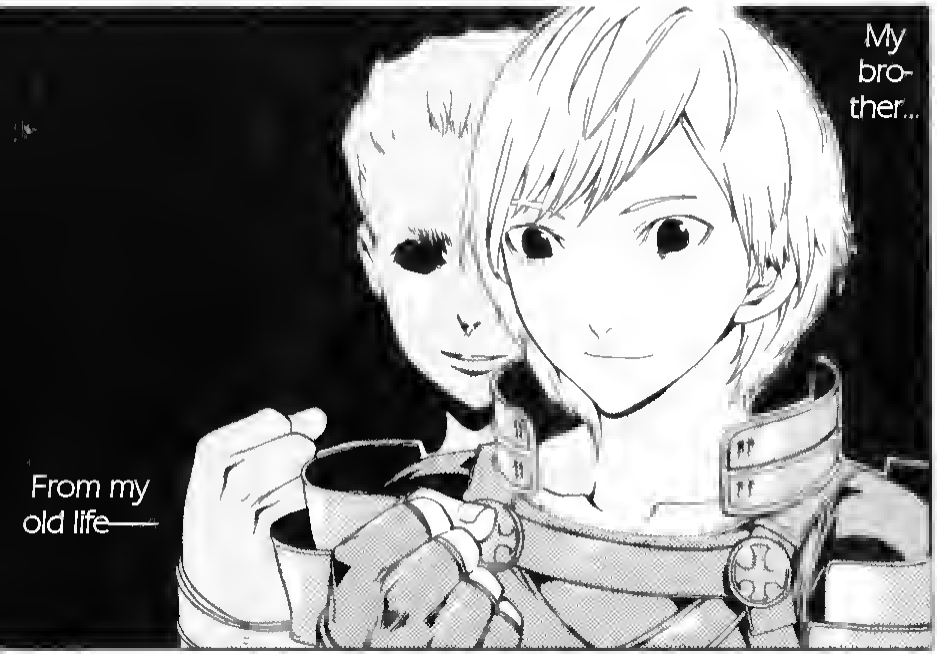
They'll be seeing Basch Fon Rosenberg
I won't be the one doing it.
Are you all right?! Stay firm!
Uu-

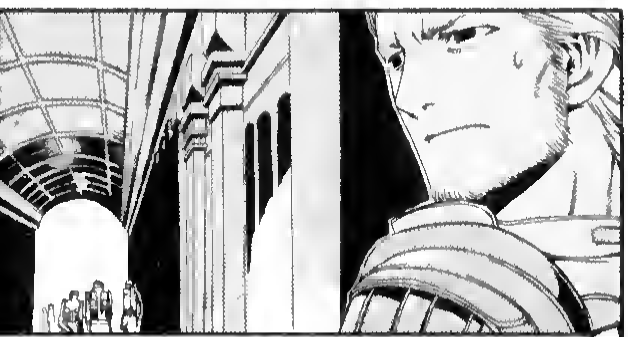
Don't talk like that, Vossler!
I told you new recruits would only be a hindrance!

We're thinking of our country!
We aren't fighting because we like it!
Then it's doubtful the Royal House will even survive!
But if the information we got is correct,
I know that.
That's why we must hurry to His Majesty's side.
That's right.
The plan to assassinate King Raminas at the peace conferance...

We don't have time to waste on hindrances
Reks
Can you stand?
Uu-...
My name is Reks, General
I'm sorry I'm all right now
Haa...

The gate is open Basch, we're going to draw away the enemy, as planned
Understood We'll move out as well
I'll... do my best not to hold everyone back anymore.
I'm very honoured, sir. If I'm on the front lines with the two of you...
I can surely be helpful. Definitely.
He looks... a little like...


My bro-ther...
From my old life——



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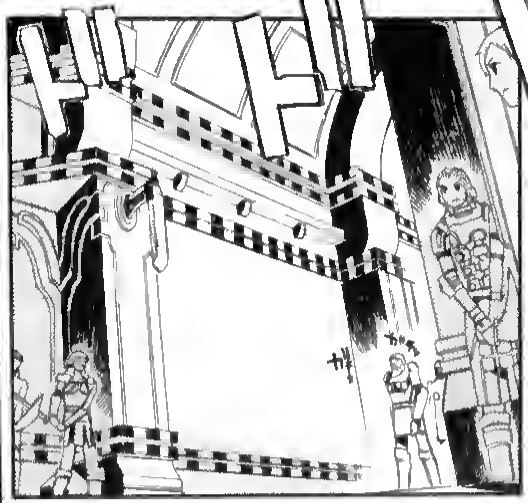
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I'm sorry. You're so young, and yet you took up a sword.
I see...
I have a younger brother back in Rabanastre.
For my mother and father and everyone else who's died——
No, sir. It's for my country.
Of Noah——
This single-mindedness really does remind me.
Such a straightforward answer... Just like us back then.
For his country.

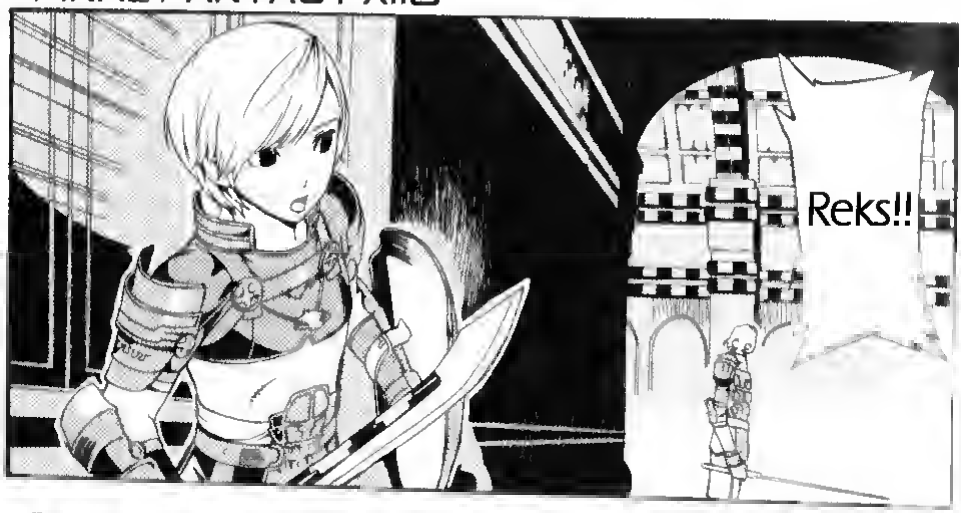
...Landis?
Back then, Landis was at the point of collapse, just like Dalmasca is now
That's right. It's the country where I was born
It's a small country that was destroyed, and then absorbed into the Empire
The Republic of Landis
It was almost twenty years ago
The Landis military fought back in vain The war expanded, and the people suffered

Looking back, I really was green
I couldn't stand the thought of living under the Empire
So I left my brother and sickly mother
And left the country
You're leaving behind the ones you should protect!
は、
If you're going to abandon your mother, your country, everything - I will no longer think of you as my brother!
I won't forgive you, Basch!
BAHASCHI!

If Noah is alive, he must surely resent me
...And any remnant of Landis.
Given what's happened, I've been trying not to think of the brother I fled from
I was searching for a power to help me defeat the Empire But I couldn't, and Landis was destroyed
Why are you telling me this, sir?
One should exhaust all their power for those they should protect...
I think that more often than not, now

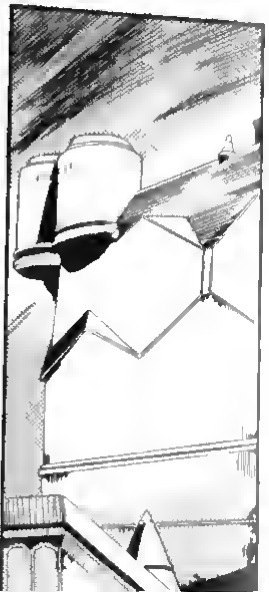
I don't want you to have regrets like I do.
I won-der...
It might be... Because your single-minded-ness reminds me of us at that time.
I don't..
I couldn't be more proud than I am to fight along-side you for Dal-masca!!
Have any regrets!

So, General,
You chose the path you wanted this time, so don't regret it!
We'll hold them here!
General, please go on ahead!
Please protect His Majesty... Protect Dalmasca!
.....
I'm sorry


Reks!!

Nod

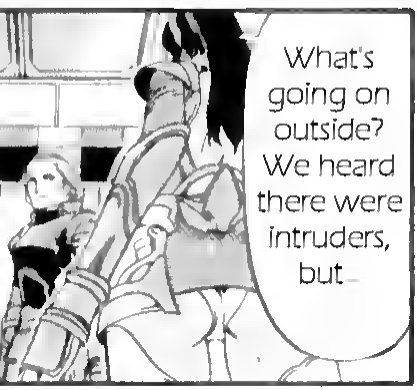
Don't die

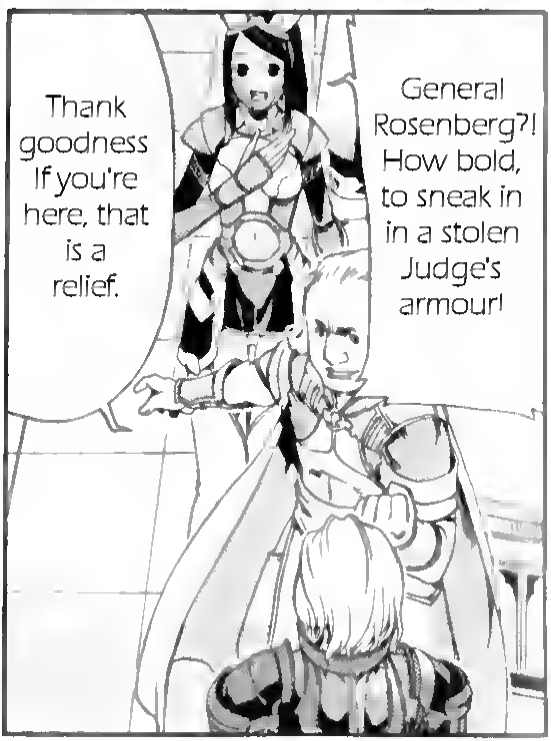


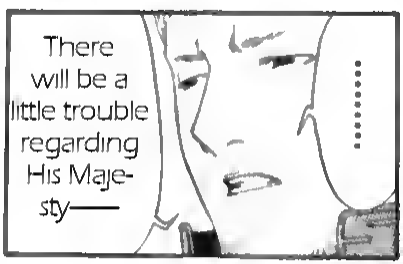
……!!
As expected, there's a lot of you

This arm-our.
So it is Judges
No way, he's just too strong.
Could it be they've completed preparations for their attack ?
If the Judges are here, then

....It's me, my lords.
Lord Judge, it seems to be very noisy outside, yet.


What's going on outside? We heard there were intruders, but—


Thank goodness If you're here, that is a relief.
General Rosenberg?! How bold, to sneak in in a stolen Judge's armour!


There will be a little trouble regarding His Majesty——
.....

Your Majesty, let us hurry and flee this place. We might ready an airship
Hm... I suppose there's little choice.

His Majesty's life is being targeted
There are those who believe Your Majesty's decision to be a full surrender, and so have begun an armed uprising

That's so..!
So then this is civil war...?

Let's hurry.

Preparations have already been made. Please allow me to guide you.
As expected, you are most reliable, Lord Basch.

This way.
They're on their way here. We don't have much time.
This is...!!!
What's going on? Where's the ship we were to escape with?!
.....
... It looks like you've been mistaken. It's regrettable...
On the other hand...
ヒュゥゥゥ

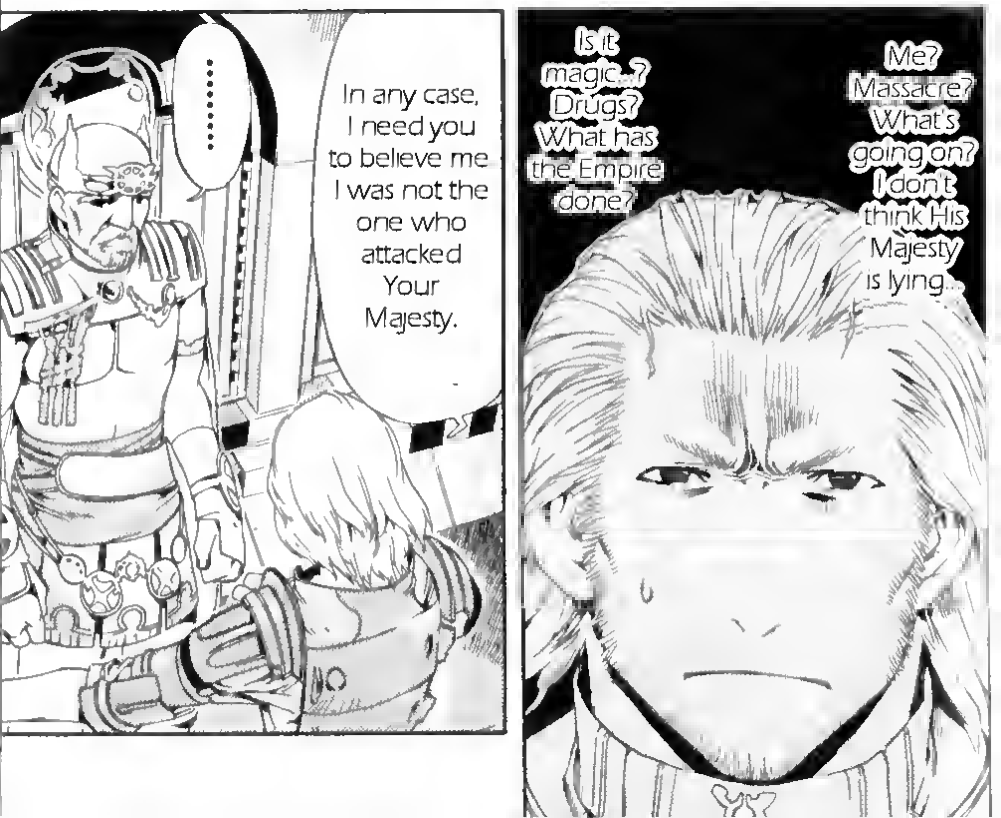
It's very useful!!!
H... Have you gone mad, General?!
To raise your sword against the king you owe so much to...
Hm...
...Basch.
Uh...

He is no longer qualified to be king!!!
I haven't gone mad
I, Basch Fon Rosenburg, have already lost my country once to the Empire. I will not let it happen a second time
However, it would be difficult should the King be a coward, so——
Your Majesty, please run awa—

-ay?!

So you became a traitor here.
So that is as far as your loyalty goes, Basch
!
!?
!!
How did you get ahead of me? S. stay back, General
Stagger
Your Majesty! Thank goodness Are you all right?

I don't mind. I've lived too long already. But I don't want to put my daughter, Ashe, or my people through anymore pain
Don't you see, General? If my life is lost here, Dalmasca will fall into chaos and ruin..
It seems it was a mistake making a wanderer like you a knight.
Your Majesty?
.....?
If it shall ease your mind, I will abandon my sword here.
What are you saying? I am indeed Basch, but I would never turn my sword on you
There's no telling what kind of life awaits my country, my people, and my daughter, should you go through with this!!
So I must survive...!


Assassins?
General, what are you saying? Didn't you just massacre my attendants and vassals?
!?
However, I heard assassins were targeting Your Majesty, and so came here with Vossler...
It's true that I disobeyed your order...
?
And I am supposed to believe you? To begin with, I had ordered you to protect my daughter and the proof of her Royal blood. Why are you here?
.....
In any case, I need you to believe me. I was not the one who attacked Your Majesty.
Is it magic...? Drugs? What has the Empire done?
Me? Massacre? What's going on? I don't think His Majesty is lying...

You should believe what he says
That's right, Your Majesty
Gu-
Who's there?!
Is this... Is this some sort of bad dream?

Two Baschesー!?
Uu ..
You're
The same face as me

Pick up your sword, Basch Fon Rosenberg
You'll understand soon enough
Who I am
Stagger
Haa
Haa
That voice
Your Majesty.. Please get out of here.

Throb
Tch

Ngu-
This is
Haa
Haa

This sword style,
This move-ment,
There's no mistake This is Landis'.
ヒュッ

Don't call that name so familiarly, Basch!
That name...
Your arm's gotten stronger, Noah.

That day...
The day you ran away, I threw away the name Rosenberg
Gabranth!!
I am now Judge Magister Gabranth, of the Arcadian Empire!
I'm sorry.
You and mother must have gone through many troubles
It's too late.

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I see...
Chink
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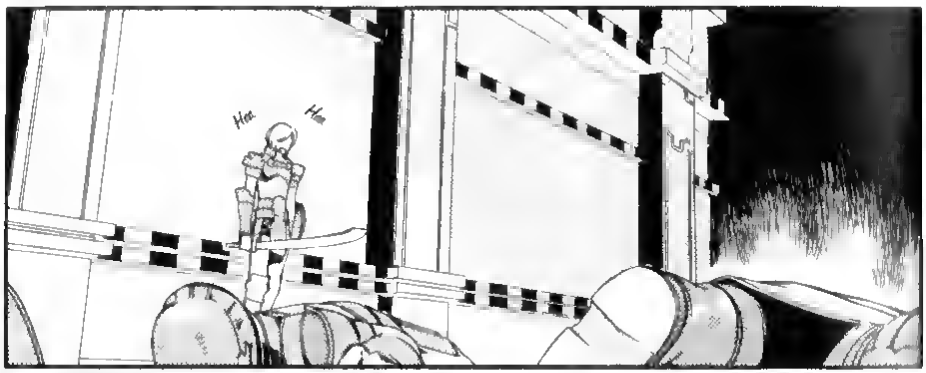
Moth-
er is al-
ready
Don't think you can die easy, Basch.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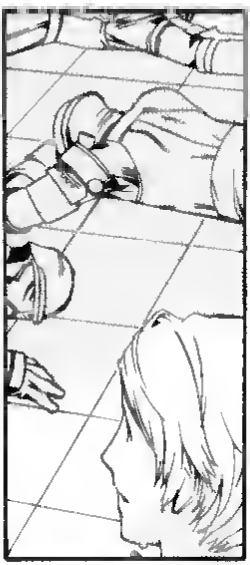
To get to His Majesty... If only I had a little of the General's power....



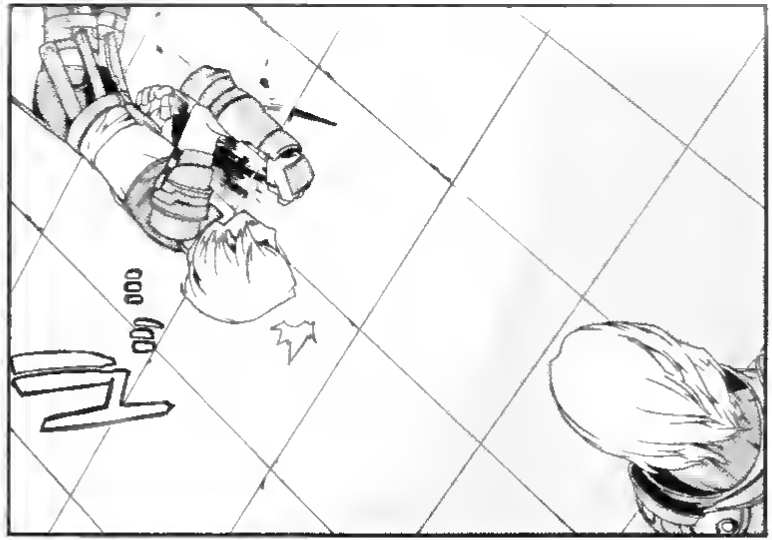
Pant
Haa

Gasp
The King... Your Maj-esty...?!

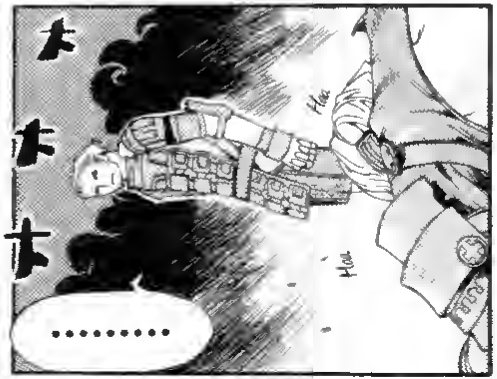
That's wrong I did this by my own hand..
No way Could it be that the General is also .
!?
Why.. Did you do this..
Stagger
Why are you...

I could not allow us to surrender uncondi-tionally.
Of course I did it. He was about to betray Dalmasca and sell it out to the Empire.
Gen-eral Basch!
That's a lie!
?
Especially with all those regrets you had about Landis!
Why would you do it, General? Especially with...
That isn't how you really feel. We didn't come here to assassinate the king, we came to end the people's suffering.
Haa
Pant

.....What?



Regrets...
Basch?


Haa
Haa
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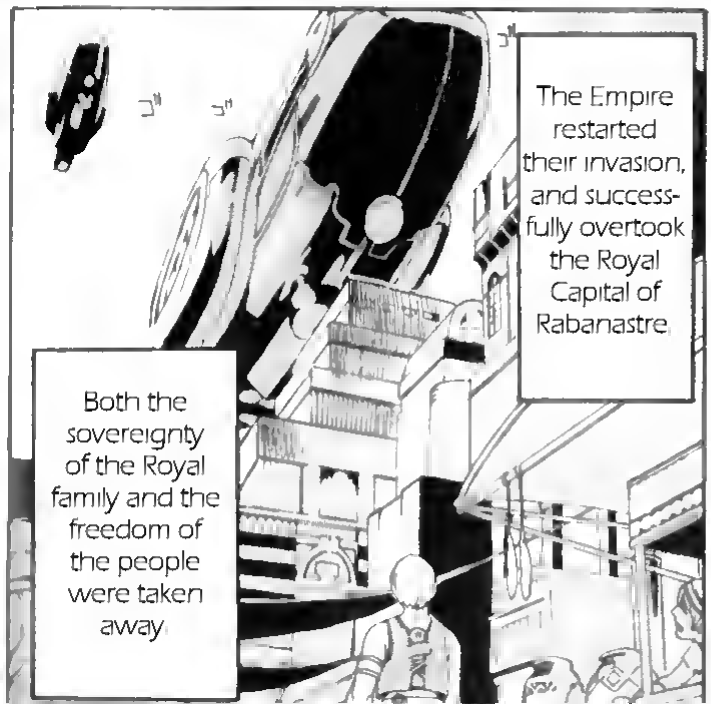
Haa
Haa


Both the sovereignty of the Royal family and the freedom of the people were taken away.
The Empire restarted their invasion, and successfully overtook the Royal Capital of Rabanastre.

Due to the assassination of King Raminas by Basch Fon Rosenberg, the peace talks between Dalmasca and Arcadia collapsed.

Brother!
Brother!
Let go-
Let go of me!
The other survivor found with General Basch is considered to also have aided in the assassination
There's no way you would've killed the king, right?!
They must've made some kind of mistake, Reks!!
You brat!
Agha-!
ゴッ
……

Those captured were given a magical drug which caused physical pain.
And confessed to General Basch committing the crime

The Ancient Desert Kingdom
Dalmasca, was no more.

But there was something else making the people grieve.
The last survivor of the Dalmascan Royal family... After losing her kingdom and everyone she loved, the Princess Ashe...

It was announced that she had taken her own life
All signs of rebellion were crushed
But they were powerless before the military might of the Empire
After that, fires of rebellion would occasionally rise up.
Two years have passed since Dalmasca became a territory of the Empire.
And then

Va~an
In those two years
The fires of rebellion were still smouldering in the Royal Capital of Rabanastre.
And they would spread across Ivalice, leaving no one untouched once they start.

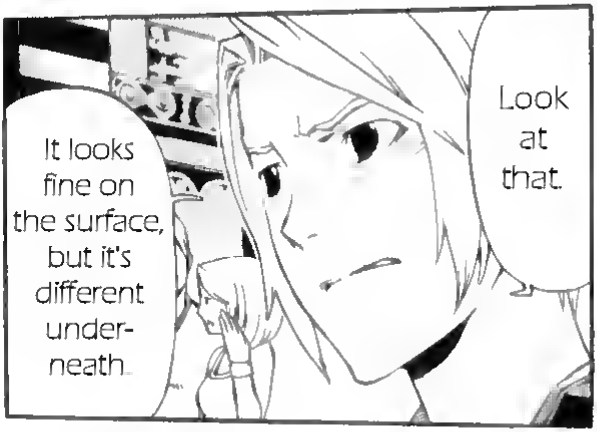
The Former Kingdom of Dalmasca, currently a territory of Arcadia
Rabanastre
A Galb-ana Lily...
These were Reks' favorite
...It's already been two years, huh...

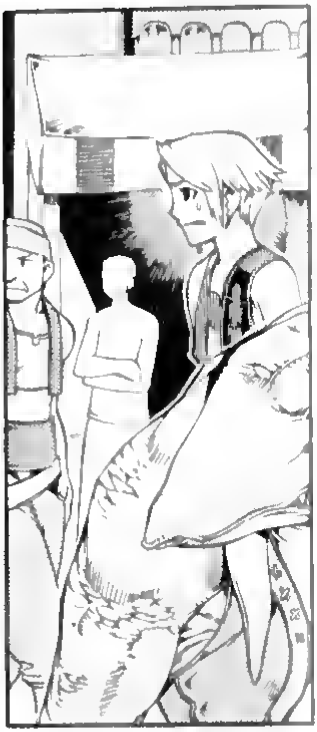
# Chapter 5: Young Man

People of Rabanastre.
Do you hate Arcadian, which invaded Dalmasca? Do you hate me, who commanded the invasion?
I will not run. I will take your hatred upon myself.
I will carry it
And I will protect Dalmasca.
This is my atonment.

That's the new consul, Vayn Solidor.
He's young, but impressive
Yeah, he's completely different from the old one. Seems Rabanastre's in good hands
Hmm
Even though the Empire started the war—I don't like it.
Tax—?!

Who do you think it's thanks to that there's even a store here? Say it, Dalmascan!
The Empire, isn't it——? It's thanks to us Arcadians, right ? ? ? ?!
Aah— N-No, it's fine Please, just take it!

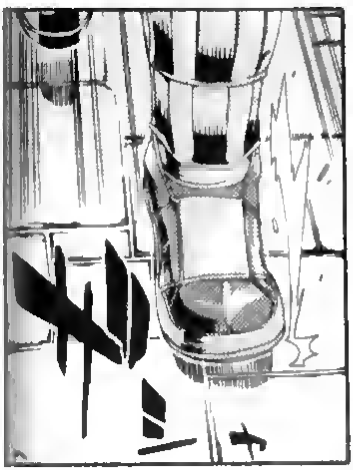

Look at that.
It looks fine on the surface, but it's different underneath.



We hate them ....!!
Because they took everything from us, those Arcadians...

HA HA HA
HA
HA

We can't even talk back. Dalmascans have become lower than dogs!



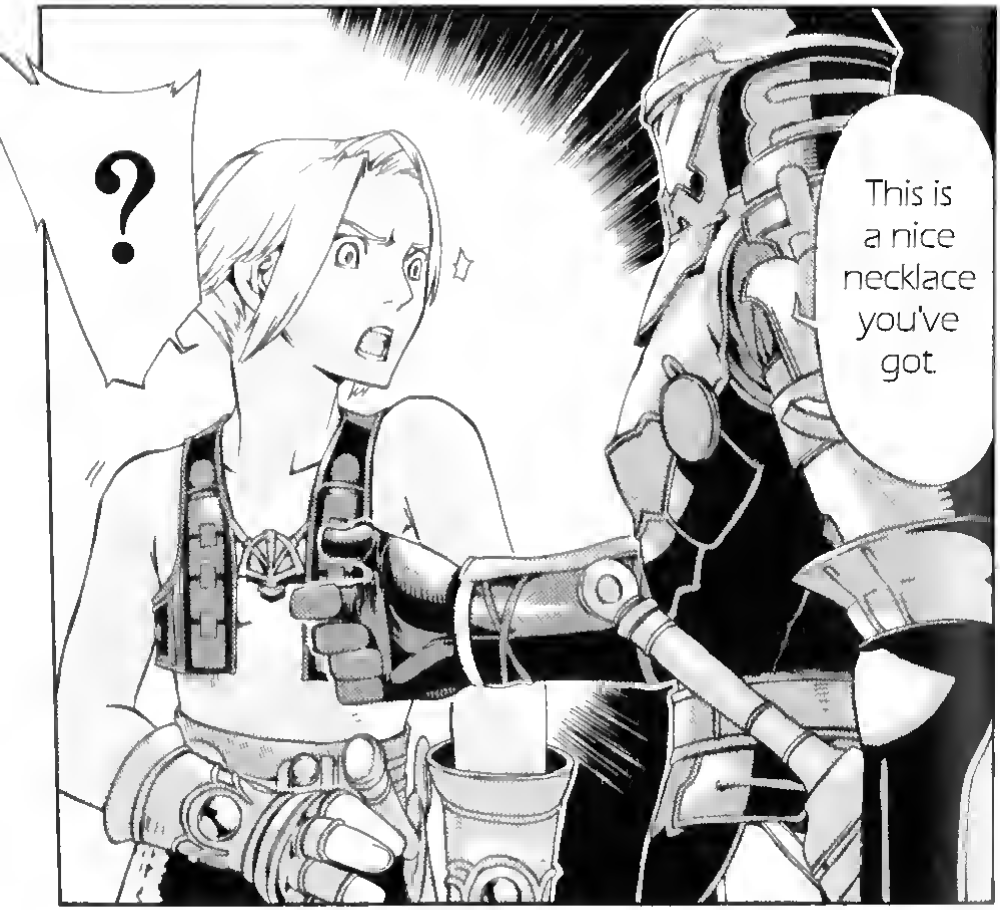
We have no one to rely on, so

I will cut a path myself!
One day——?
If I keep this up, one day for sure
Heh heh- Pick-pocketing an Imperial was a success

I know that, don't I? Something bigger...
No matter how many of these tiny purses I steal, nothing will change. My brother won't come back to life.
What will happen "someday"?
Hey, boy, wait.

SHINE
Ah...
Are you talking to me?

I'll make the first blow...!!
I'd better run before that happens
Though, if he called his friends it'd be bad
Since we're in Rabanastre, I have the advantage. Since I know my way around
Boy


?
This is a nice necklace you've got.

Don't touch it!!!

I've got kids a little younger than you back home. This accessory'd make a good souvenier...
Where'd you buy it?

This is a memento of my brother! You can't buy it anywhere and I'm not selling!
I- I'm sorry I didn't know
If that's all you wanted, I'll be going
?
What's wrong?
My coin purse is...
Hm?
What the?

Ah-! That kid! He must've stolen it!
They caught on too fast!

*Screaming*
That hurt.
Hey, Penelo.
Here you are!!!
...Vaan?!

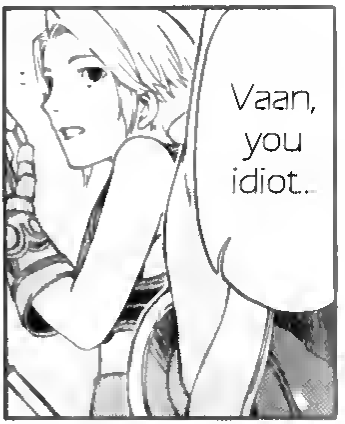
Give me back my money!
I don't know what you're talking about!
You're the thief that's been causing trouble around here, aren't you!!
You're a quick little bastard!
You're wrong! This is all a misunderstanding – I just remembered something urgent I had to do, so I started running!
Hey–! What are you two doing?
I told you not to cause any sort of disturbance today, didn't I!
That's–! But, sir, this kid is the one who's been stealing purses around here!

Whisper
Whisper
Hmm
Why, you—!! You're still saying that!!
That's a lie~~~~ I haven't don't anything, but these old guys just started ganging up on me!
Uh..
Well then, did you find the wallet on this child?
Yes, he doesn't have it on him, but he's definitely hidden it somewhere! If you would just let us interrogate him a little
That's.. No?

Lord Vayne wishes for order in Rabanastre Assaulting her citizens will not be tolerated
Reme-mber it well!
Yes, Sir!!
You fools !!!
Did you get yourselves so drunk that you forgot such a basic thing?! And you caused such a dist-urbance over it, too!
Wobble
Where'd I hide it? There's no way they can be that clue-less. Imperials are too easy
Heh heh-
Pat
Pat

Yo-!
...You were stealing again, weren't you, Vaan?
Don't be angry. It's not like we orphans can live any other way
Sorry, but I used you to carry the purse
Your helping out with Migelo-san's deliveries really saved me

If you keep stealing like this, some day you're really going to end up in jail, you know that?
If that happens, then I—


Vaan, you idiot..

Wai...Huh? Hey, Penelo, I said I was sorry already!
Eh?
Wa
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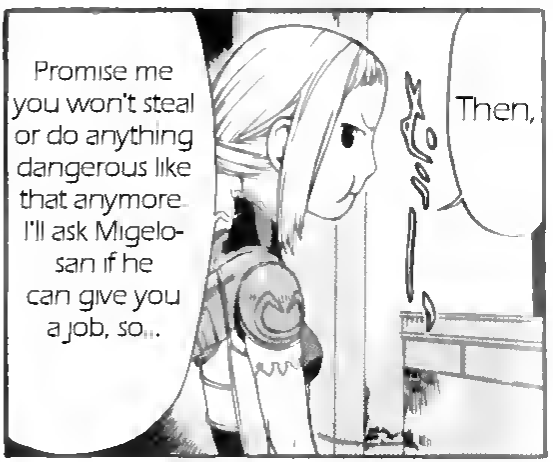
I'll be all alone again, won't I?

That's..

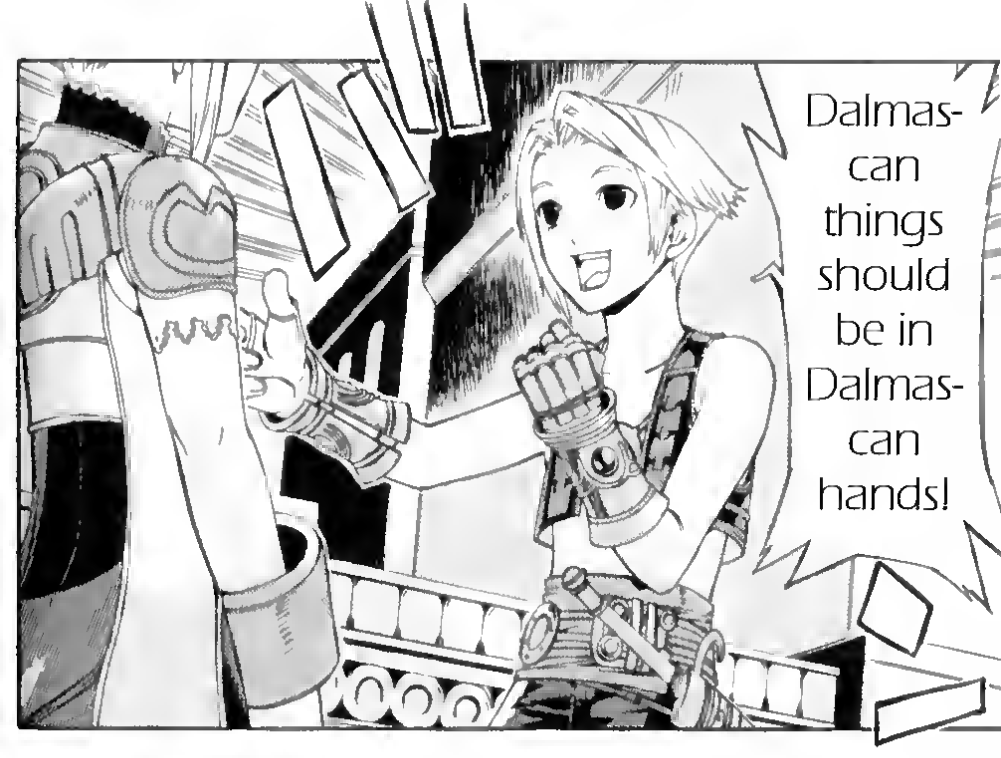

Promise me you won't steal or do anything dangerous like that anymore. I'll ask Migelo-san if he can give you a job, so...
Then,

Working at a curio shop like Migelo-san's isn't my destiny
No way!
And then, someday...
What, can you think of another way?
You're still saying that? I don't think it'll come true if you keep stealing, though
Someday, I'm definitely going to get my own airship!
Just watch, Penelo

Flying free across the heavens
as a sky pirate...!!

Yes, yes But it would be nice if you didn't go to jail before that dream comes true
I couldn't stand it if you suddenly disappeared
Ah-
Let's take a different route, Vaan. It would be bad if we got involved with them.
Grr
Imperial soliders.... And it looks like they aren't the same ones as before.
BOW
BOW

Then, why don't you do something? There has to be more you can do other than steal from Imperials
It can't be helped. Whether people refuse to bow their head or not, what would change?
I don't like this. Because of the Imperial soliders, Dalmascans never talk back. How cowardly
But still...
I know! How about this?
Hmm
Me? ...If I-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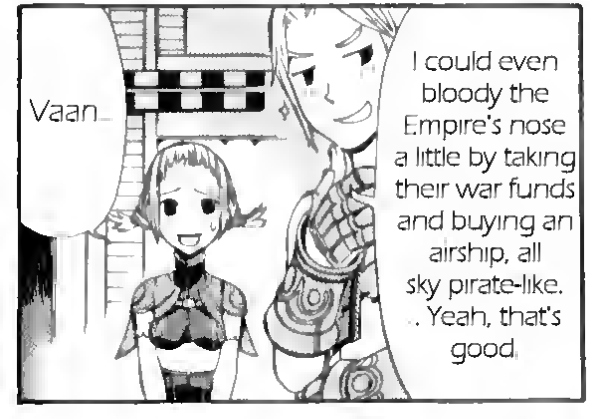
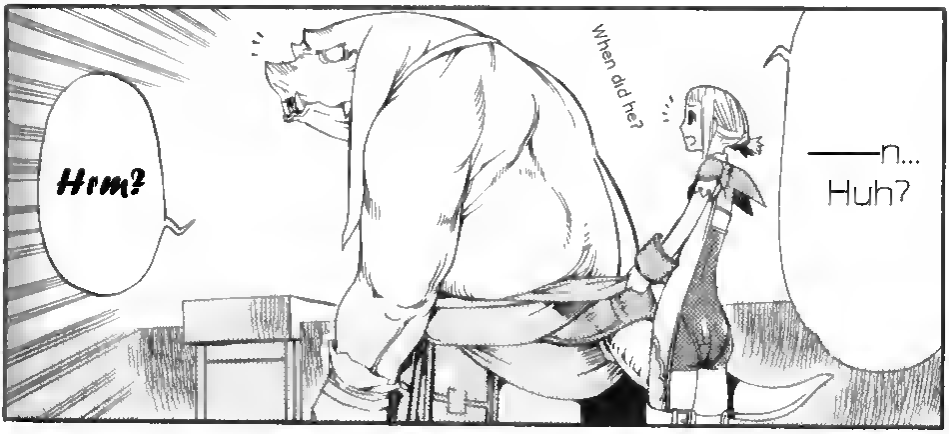
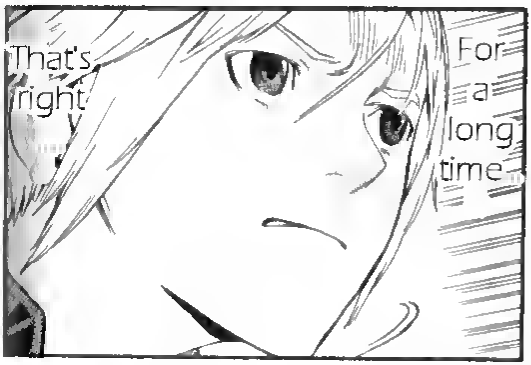

Vaan...
I could even bloody the Empire's nose a little by taking their war funds and buying an airship, all sky pirate-like. . Yeah, that's good.

You won't listen to me, but... you're not serious, are you?

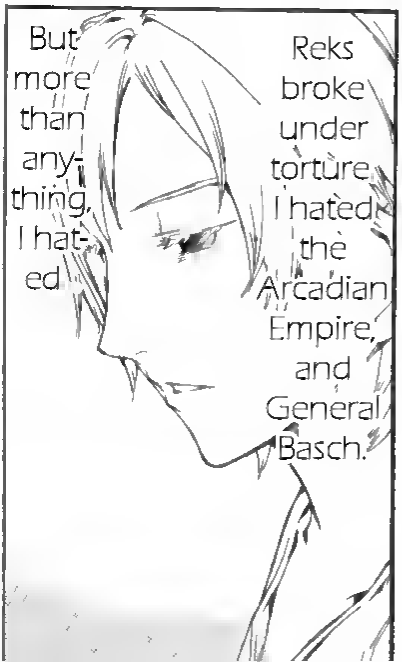
I remember Old Man Dalan from Downtown talking about some hidden treasure in the palace.
And tonight the new Consul is having a party to celebrate his new promotion.
I'm sure I could sneak in in all the confusion and steal it.

I'm gonna go right now.
Don't go through with such a stupid pla–
There are Imperial soldiers in the Palace!! If they catch you, they'll kill you!!
It's not like you're going to play
No, no way—


Hrm?
When did he?
——n...
Huh?


That's right.
For a long time.

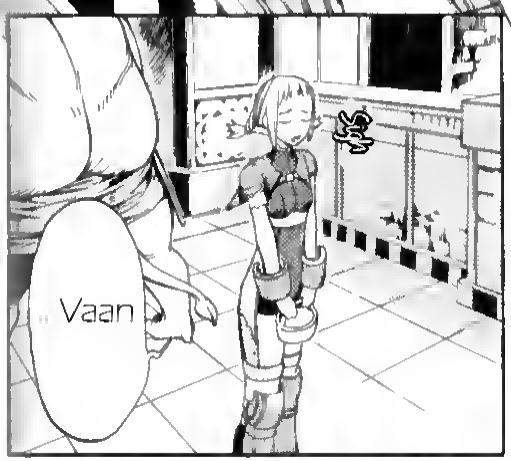
Sorry, Penelo.
But this isn't just any old plan.


But more than anything, I hated
Reks broke under torture. I hated the Arcadian Empire, and General Basch.

I've been thinking that
Ever since my brother died

I'm totally power-less.
I don't have the power to change anything, or save anything.
My-Self!!!!
If I can't change the world, first I need to change
Myself!!
Even though I hate the world, I always thought of one thing,
Is burning in my chest
The wish to be a sky pirate

To fly!!!


Vaan...

I...
I just want you to stop doing dangerous things so I can be together with you...

Rabanastre Palace
Your speech today was magnificent, Your Excellency.

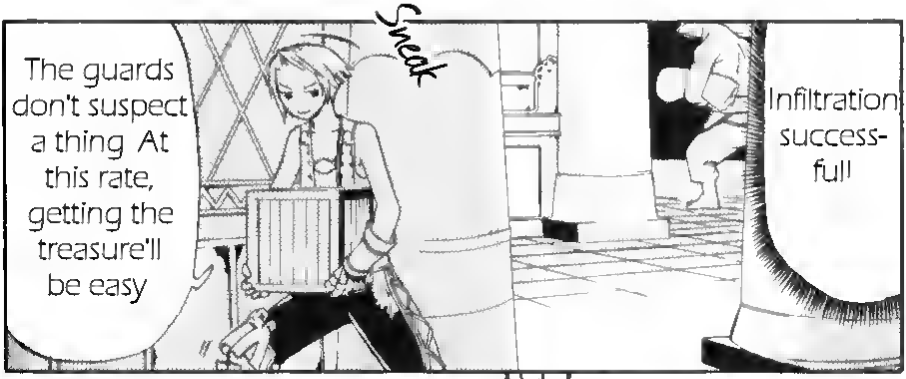
That's enough, Judge Gabranth. It's unlike you to fawn so
It seems you made quite an impression on the people of Rabanastre, as well...
Yes, sir.
How is security faring? That should be your only concern.
Soon, they'll be arriving for the banquet..
I see.
Our defense is full of holes, Excellency.
That's good to hear.

Royal Palace Rear Loading Entrance
You lot, hurry and carry the cargo inside the palace
Ye~~s
So~~rry, I'm late
Who're you?
Uh I'm the extra help from Migelo-san's shop, in case you guys were under-staffed
Oh~~~~ I thought I recognized you from somewhere! So you're Migelo-san's young helper, are you?
It's a big help
Ha Ha Ha

Fu Fu Fu
Act natural, act natural!
Heheheh. It's going so~~ smoothly
Sure thi~ng.
Well then, if you would take that one.
Wa
Stagger
Woah..? This is.. heavy..!
Stagger
!?

Gasp!
These are weapons?! Why are there so many mixed with the cargo
This cargo is important Be careful
Sorry But, those weapons

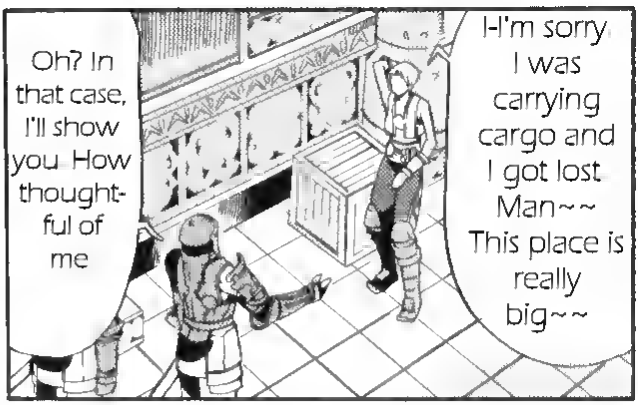
You'll forget what you saw just now
If you're a Dalmascan who loves his country,
I'll take this. You take something else.
Ah, sure
Got it
...What's with him?
Scary——


Sneak
The guards don't suspect a thing. At this rate, getting the treasure'll be easy
Infiltration success-ful!

Imperial soldiers? .....Shit.

Hey, you there!!

?

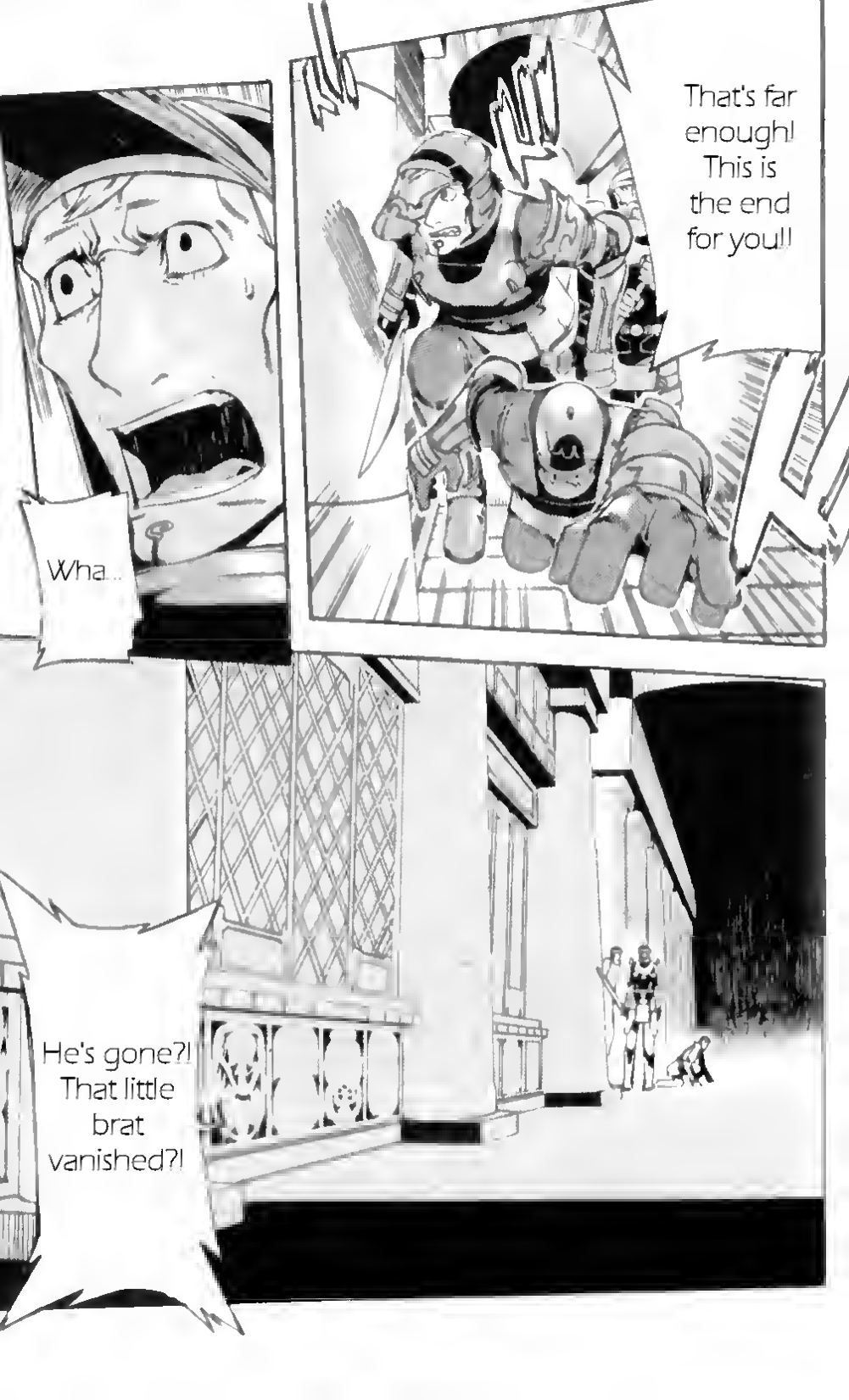

Oh? In that case, I'll show you. How thought-ful of me
I-I'm sorry. I was carrying cargo and I got lost. Man~~ This place is really big~~

AAAAAAAH
By the way, thanks for your help today, thief-kun.
!!!
Wait, You
!!!

Why does he always act before he asks why?!
There's soldiers here too?!
He went around this way!
Trapped ...?

Getting in was easy, but there's soldiers everywhere in here! This is bad...
At this rate, my soul will be flying before I will.
What should I do?!
Is there some-place I can hide—
There's not! There's nothing!!
Should I fight?
That's stupid! There's no way I'm good enough to take on a bunch of soldiers!
Besides, I didn't bring my sword!
!?

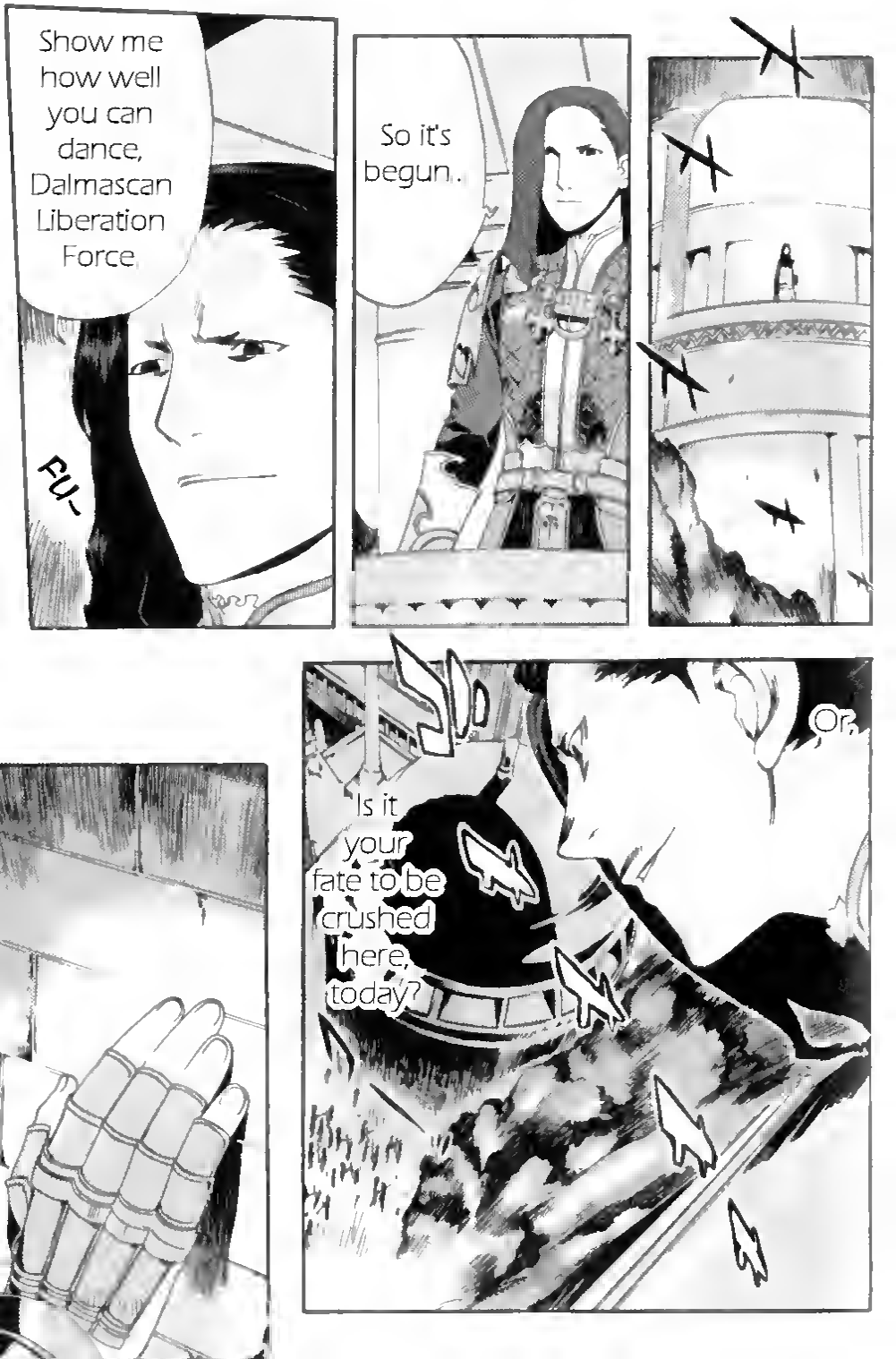
W...What's that?
Could it be a ghost?
It disapp-eared into the wall?!
...No... This wall...


That's far enough! This is the end for you!!
Wha...
He's gone?! That little brat vanished?!

No, he has to be somewhere. He must be nearby.
Search for him!!
!!
Who're you?
Me?

And I have come for you, Imperial scum!!
I am Death...
I am Vossler Azelas!!!

Having you bastards call it would be un-pleasant.
It's fine if you don't remember it.
General Azelas!! Groups three through five have obtained weapons!
Good!
Let's go! Dalmascan Liberation Force, our goal is the neck of the enemy's commander, Vayne Solidor!


Show me how well you can dance, Dalmascan Liberation Force.
FU~
So it's begun..
Or,
Is it your fate to be crushed here, today?

It's gotten quiet. . Did they leave?
The mechanism in the wall moved it. This must be the secret passage it was hiding. This is a dangerous place.
But besides that...
That ghost before
I somehow felt like it was my brother
This is...

Ooh?
I wonder if this old Goddess statue would fetch a good price?
There's no way I can bring it all, so I should try and pick the really valuble stuff——
H-H-How much would I need to bring back to buy an airship, I wonder?
Rush
Rush
This has got to be a secret treasure room!!!
Look at all this trea-sure !!!

UUWAAAAA

Uh..
That's ..
Thump
Thump
Magi-
cite....?
Thump

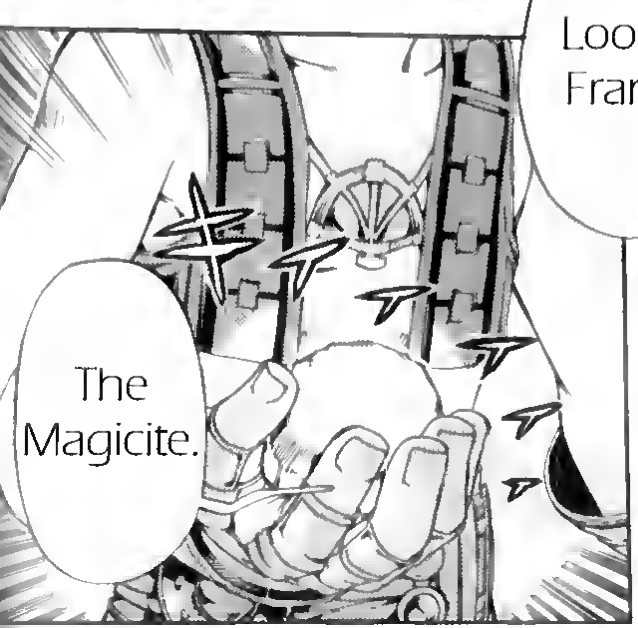
Hand that over, boy, and I won't tell anyone about this
Well now, that's quite far enough
Who're you?!
Impe-rial Sold-iers?!
No... They're not!!
Me? I am—

I play the leading man in this story.
Balth-ier...

# Chapter 6: Confronting

A Viera who's a thief?

This place was surprisingly difficult to find
Look, Fran.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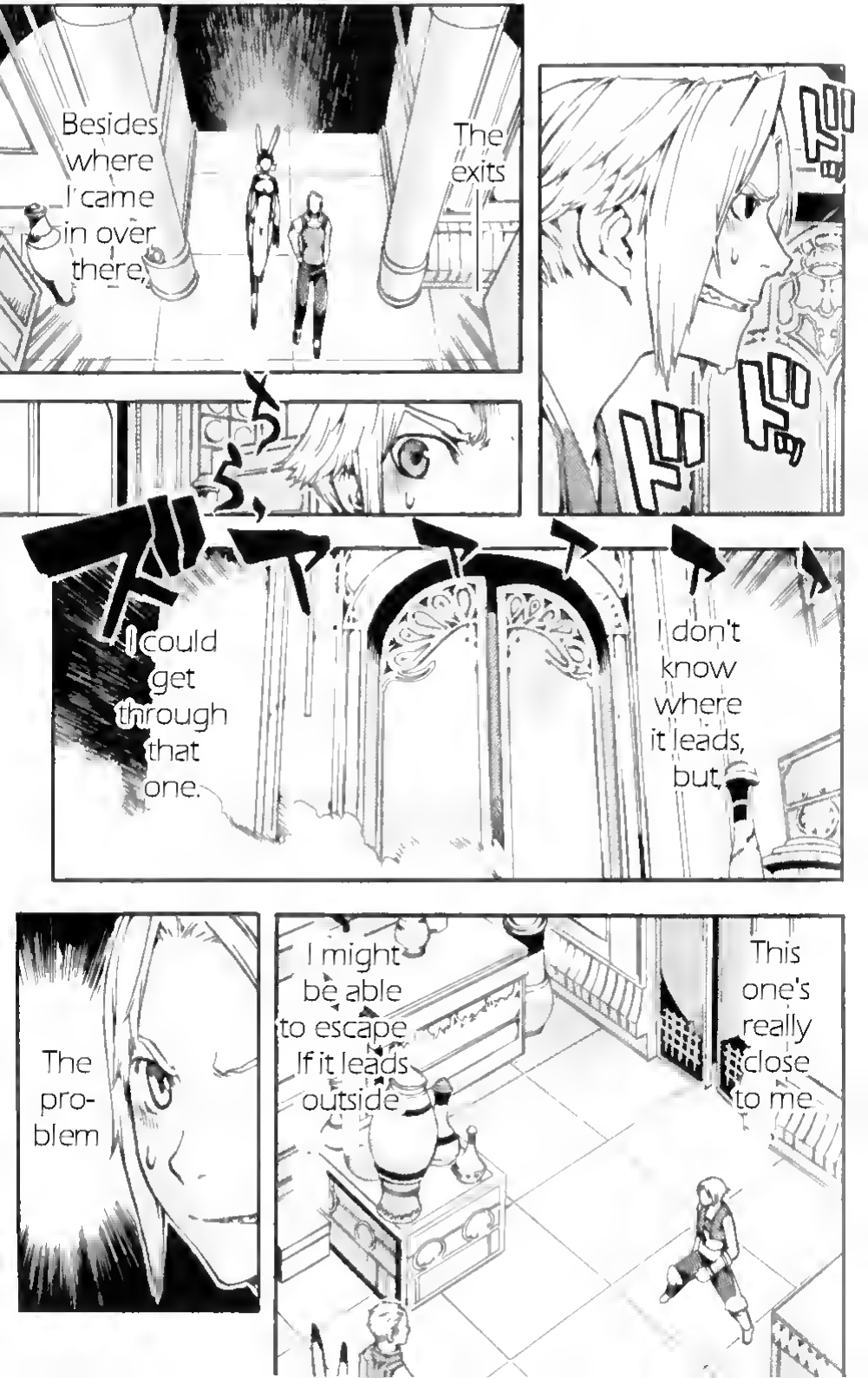

Besides where I came in over there,
The exits
I could get through that one.
I don't know where it leads, but,
The pro-blem
I might be able to escape If it leads outside
This one's really close to me

The man has a gun there.
If I run, he'll just aim it at me...
Is these two!!
Whether or not they're Imperials, they're still going to cause me trouble.
No, don't think like that! I should be able to get out the door before he's ready to shoot.
Yes!!
I'm taking this stone back---
And becoming a sky pirate!

The Viera?!
This place is no good, but
Damn it— I've got no choice!!
No way... That's just too fast.
That far in a sec-ond?

I'll force my way thro-ugh!!

Wa-
Wa-
Wa-
Ha
Ha
Ha
Nn?
This is bad!
Just now, it seemed really dangerous.
I was distracted by the gun, but.
This viera is dangerous too!
That right hand-

I think this will get a bit painful.
It seems like you have good sense, boy. Fran is strong Against a brat like you, there's no contest.
So just hand that over
Other-wise—
This kind of situation, is there some way out..
Like this...

My life? Or the stone? I need to choose one
The Viera is faster than me, so escaping around the gun is impossible
There isn't!!
あはっ
Take the stone.
Fran.
My dream of being a sky pirate..
In this sort of place
I..
Am I giving up?
Give it to me, child

An explo-sion?! The imperials have started?
Kuua-
I don't really know what's going on, but

I'm gonna run now!!!
Ah-! Wait, boy!
Grasp
Balthier, are you unhurt?
Aah~~ This is the worst.

Then, I'll go and ready the trans-port.
I'm going after the boy.
PAT
PAT
This is my favorite outfit.
P-PAPA-

They're firing?!
How horrible... it's like a war...
That's–
An airship? Did it cause that explosion before, too?

Rebels? I thought this was weird, but...
Inform the Ifrit's gunman not to hit the buildings!
There's about a hundred rebels down the fourth southern road—
The Magician Corps—
Getting away will be easy while they're distracted by this.
This chance... to get outside the palace...!!!

Still, that was pretty dangerous those two
——They are wrong, that rebel army.
But I couldn't even compete with that Viera. it's annoying, but it's a good lesson.
I thought I was stronger that that~~
Voices?
Because
From the beginning, they had no chance of victory.

There is a traitor
among the rebel army.
I'm pretty sure he's that new consul
And today was expressly to draw them out, so we might rid ourselves of them all.
Through that, we have intelligence on their strategy, tactics... everything.

Make it so. Though we don't know what it looks like, only that it is a treasure passed down since Raithwall's time.
And once this situation has been dealt with, shall we begin the search?
And the treasure will likely have some significance to the government in the future. .
And I do not believe I was able to capture the hearts of the people with my speech today.
It is likely some sort of symbol of the Royal Family.
What did he say? I can't hear them very well
?
In any case, this land does have reason to hold a grudge against me.
Such a place.

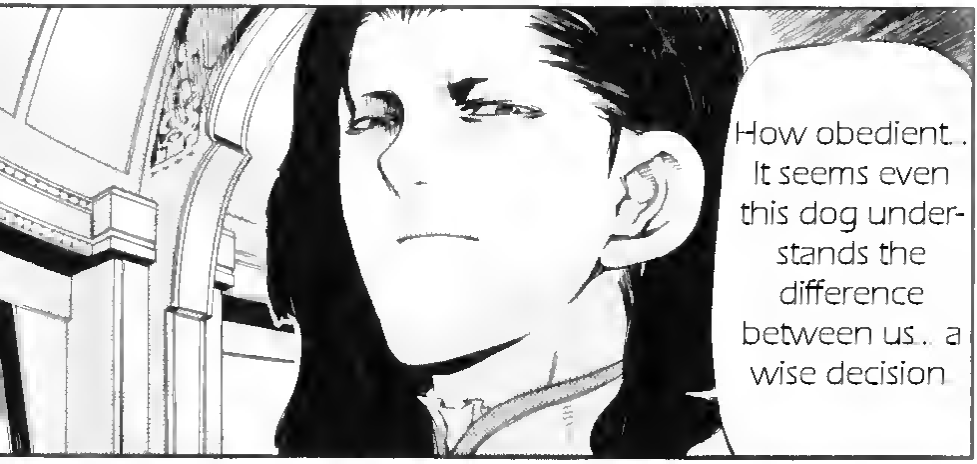
And all I had to do was force the fall of Nalbina.
And catch the people's beloved *king and general* in a trap.
As the man who destroyed the Royal Kingdom of Dalmasca, Supreme commander of the Suppresion forces, Vayne Solidor.
Just now, what did he ?
Eh-?!
Shit! The explosion- my balace is—
!?

!!?
Who's there?!!
A Dal-mascan child?!
He doesn't look like a Rebel soldier... So why is he here?
...There's no problem
Young man...

How much
did you hear?

For a mom-ent
—Just for a mom-ent, I was sure

That Viera from before is a problem, too
But this guy
Our eyes only met for a second, but I instinctively knew the overwhelming difference between us
I can't win against this guy.
Is terrifying.


How obedient.. It seems even this dog understands the difference between us.. a wise decision

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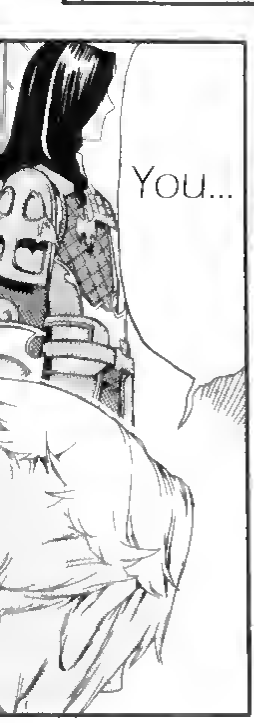
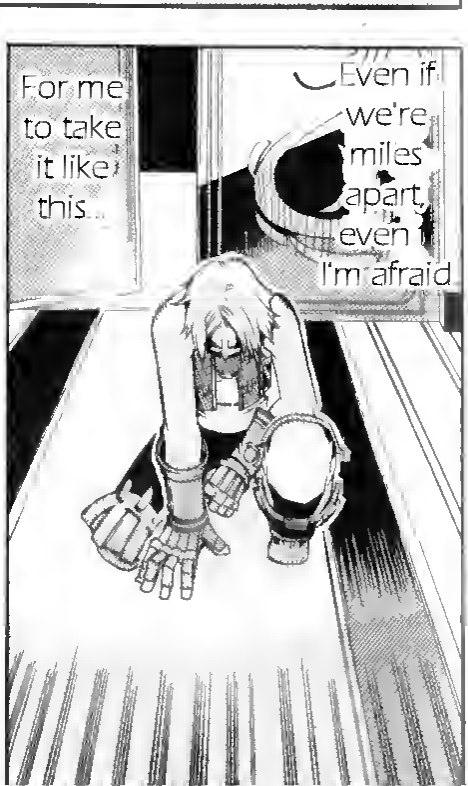

You...

I'm a cow-ard!


For me to take it like this..
Even if we're miles apart, even I I'm afraid

Watch your tongue, boy.
My brother was there!!
You're the commander of the Suppression Forces..?
He was part of the force that went to save the king!!

?
So?
It seems he is dead, correct?
Since you are just dogs, you won't have to pay for a funeral
Be glad, Dalmascan.

No!! I decided I would change!
Why am I..
Why is my head bowed .
Am I.. some sort of puppy?
so afraid? Wagging my tail..
I'm a future sky pirate!!!
Isn't that right?!
The Arcadian who brought about my brother's death!
is the man who destroyed Dalmascal!
In front of me

In that case,
That's reason enough—
For me to fight him!!

Heheh. I'm trembling with excite-ment. Excitement.
So you can stand it seems you're not just any dog
....Oh?
You are unaffected by me. You are an ill-tempered fool.
A beast would know it's place.
Furthermore, you're able to overcome your fear and stand. You are——

If you are a warrior, then hold on to your determination until you die. Then perhaps, that fist...
A warrior...
It would seem.
Will reach me
You don't need to tell me that!!

Capture that kid!! Don't fail in the presence of His Highness!!
This-

I'll put-
All my anger in my fist!!

Wha-.
Your anger couldn't reach me.
That's too bad.

Damn-

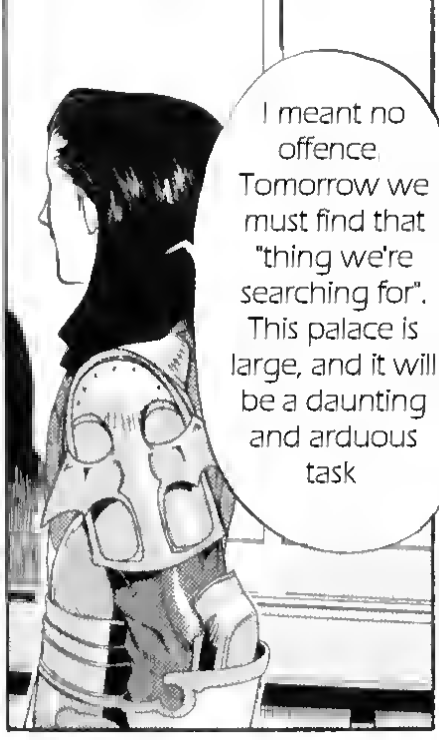
He obviously has no connection with the Rebel army... Shall you show leniency to this child?
Let go, damn it!
Bast-ards– Let me go!

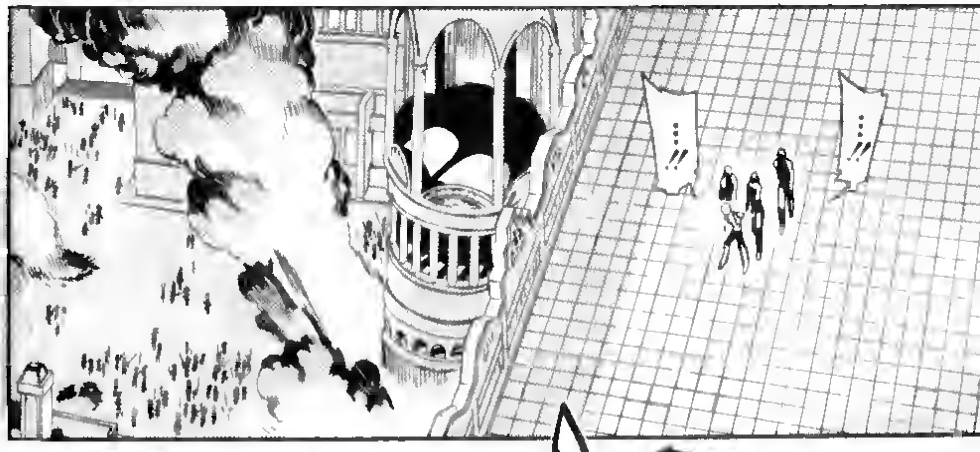
Arcadian Law is absolute.
Judge him in accordance with it
Nod
Your Highness.
To judge a child in such a way.
Judge Gabranth
You should know it as well. When I was his age -

I had already judged my own brothers.
However, do not forget that we are guardians of law.
I think you are correct to be kind to your fellow man.
.....
Even if, for example, that child were ..
And it is our duty to judge those who break the law.

A blood relative, say
What's the matter? Is the brother who hides from his older sibling so affected? It would be a shame if that bravado was a bluff.
...Don't jest—
A jest, is it? I didn't think the spirit of a whipped dog from a lost country would be so great.
It would be regrettable if you exhausted yourself with *your faithfulness* to the cause of Imperial glory.
.....
Get some rest, Gabranth. I shall leave the clean up to Judge Ghis.
That is not necessary, Your Highness. I am still

Get some rest beforehand.


I meant no offence. Tomorrow we must find that "thing we're searching for". This palace is large, and it will be a daunting and arduous task


...!!
...!!

Ulr

You'll soon be at peace!!
This should be far enough. We can finish tidying up here.
Ku-..
If you need to blame someone, blame yourself.
Don't worry.

Sorry, but he's my prey.
Who's there?!

You owe me one.
Hey, boy.

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You bastard... Don't think it's over just because of this!!
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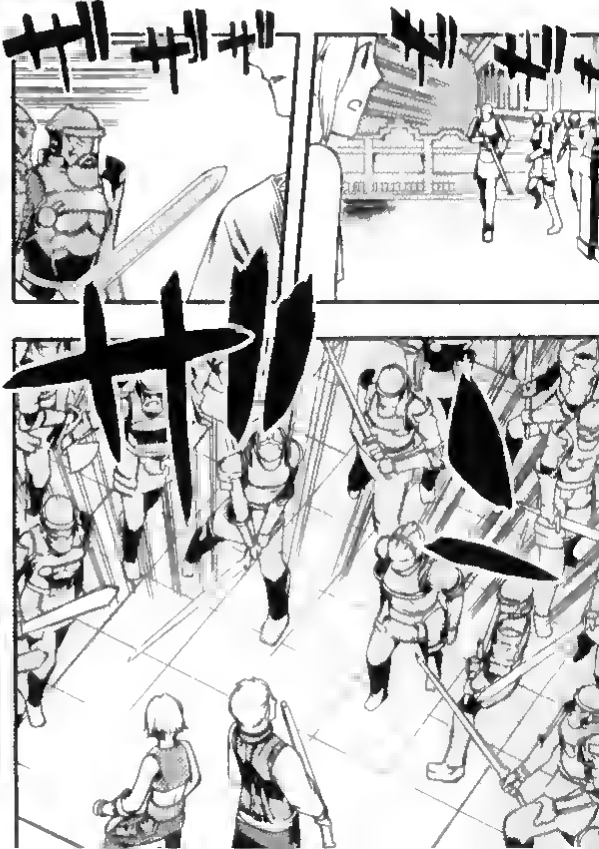
Behold.
Interesting. I hate Imperial soldiers, too, you see



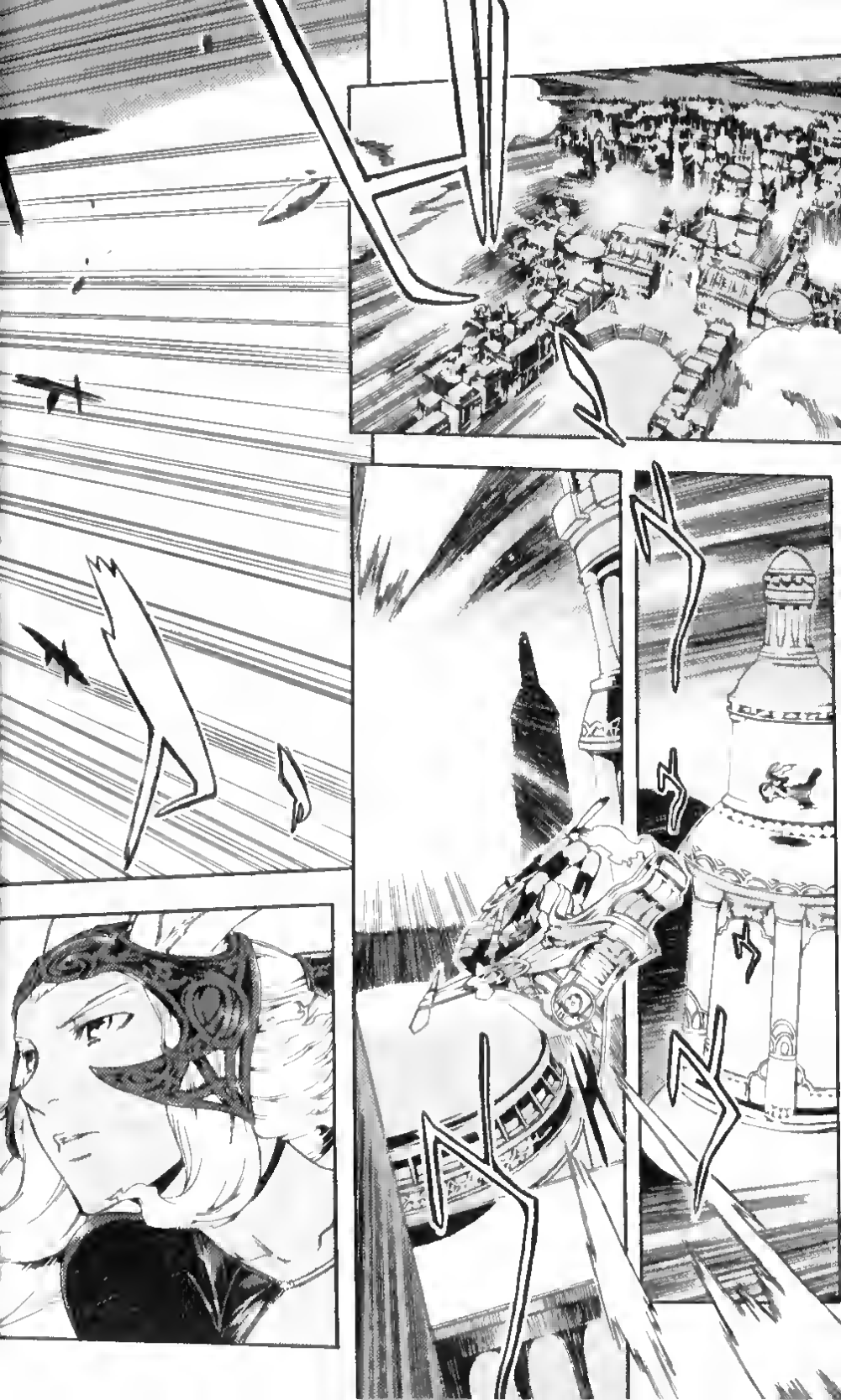
You're fighting the Sky Pirate, Balthier.
This guy is ...?!
S... Sky Pir- ate?!

He's not?!
Eh?
Huh?
Balthier? Have you ever heard of him?
It's not a name I know He's probably just a swindler trying to bluff his way out. Just ignore that stray dog's howling
Oh my. Seems these guys don't know who I am.
Boy.
Don't bite your tongue!
!?

Eh-?!
H-
hey...
Th...

This isn't fightiiiiiiiiing-
We'll die
Wait... this-

# Chapter 7: Encounter



That's ....?!
Haha- The ground's coming up pretty quick.
How can you be so calm about it?!
Balthier!!
Over here, part-ner!!

W-What about me~~
I suppose there's no choice if we want the stone.

No waaaaaay-
Magic, Fran! Catch him!
N-
Huh?

By God, this treasure is a lot of trouble!

I'm-
Flying ...?
I'm saved. Thought I was done for.
phew
Where the hell are you putting it?
squirm
N-No way!
Boy.
With this, you owe me twice. Give me the stone.

He's
....

—Vayne Solidor.
My fist.
It coul-dn't reach you
But, someday...
It's impossible right now.
Nothing can reach him.
Someday,
Definitely.....

Hold on, you two
?
What's wrong, Fran?
?
I do not know.
It's not heeding me.... We're losing altitude
At this rate,

We'll fall!
Tch- Why now?
Whaaaaaa-
Wh- Wh-
What do we do-?!
Don't panic Just hold on, and don't drop the stone!!

AAAAAAAAAA

Exting-
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them.

Your
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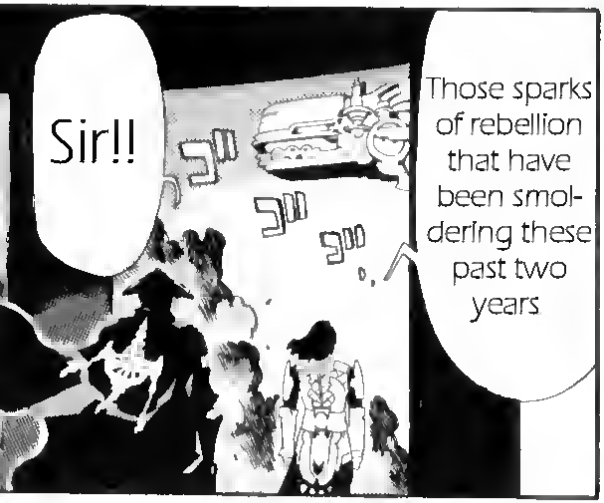
Judge
Ghis,
is it.


Sir!!
Those sparks of rebellion that have been smol-dering these past two years

Spread out and take shelter in the shadows of the buildings!
Don't crowd together! They'll just snipe you out!

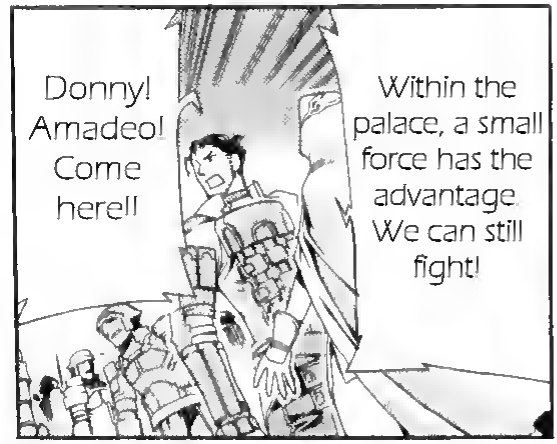
Even then, that Ifrit...
It's timing was too conve-nient. Did they read our attack?
No... That's impossible. We aimed for the night of the new Consul's inauguration because the chain of command would be disrupted and the guards lax.
Sneaking into the palace went smoothly.
And yet...
This...
What the hell is this?!

Nnu
There's no mistaking it. This formation was prepared in advance.
And that means

We were like moths to a flame.
They just had to wait for us to stupidly burn ourselves to death.
From the beginning, the surprise attack was doomed. They already had a force in place.
It's vexing, but here, already .
....All forces!

Voss-
ler!!
All
forces,
fall
back!!
Re-
treat
!!!
What is
the
meaning
of this?
Explain
yourself!!

I won't allow it!!!
Vayne is right in front of us Retreating here..
If I can strike one blow against the Empire, I don't need my limbs!
I don't care about any of that!!
But, as General, it is my duty to look after this army. I cannot allow them to throw their lives away.
I understand your feelings.
I...
There's no point in regaining the body if you lose the limbs in the process.


Donny! Amadeo! Come here!!
Within the palace, a small force has the advantage. We can still fight!

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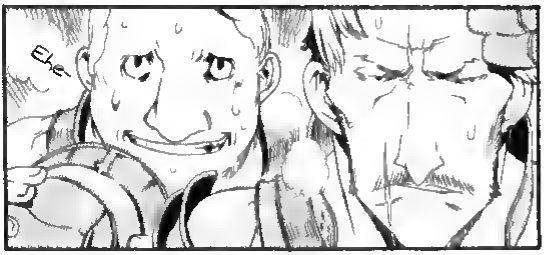
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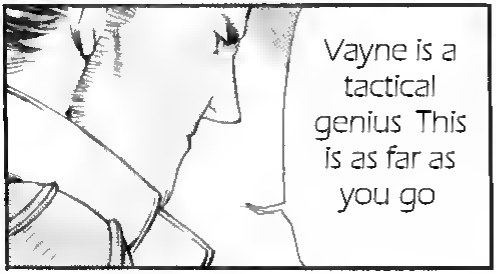
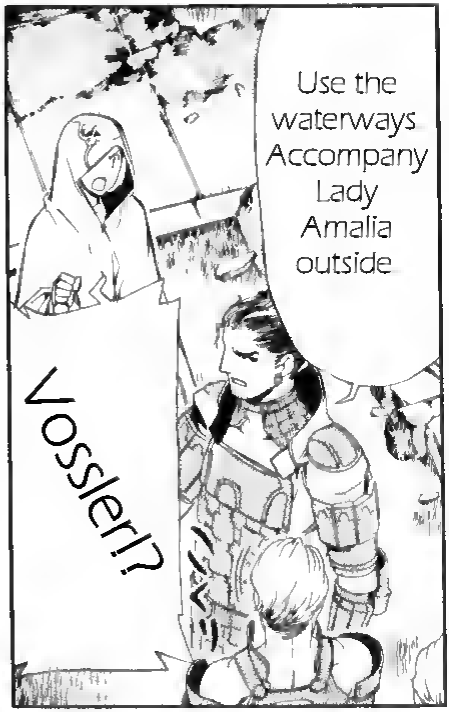

Vayne is a tactical genius. This is as far as you go


Use the waterways. Accompany Lady Amalia outside.
Vossler!?

You probably wouldn't even see him, much less strike a blow.
!?

It is my wish that you restore the kingdom of Dalmasca
I'll handle things here. The privates will take good care of you
Therefore,
You must live!

...Vossler.
I'm sorry.
Of those words.
I'm undeserving...

Come on then, Imperials. Only those without fear should face me –
For if your heart is even slightly clouded, I will smash your blade to pieces!!
The Dalmascan General, Vossler Azelas, is your opponent!!

Why
Why did our surprise attack fail?
Tactical genius? That level of defeat That excuse doesn't cover it
Seperated from Vossler and the main force
What should I do?
Is there still nothing I can do?
What's the matter? Keep moving
?
It's nothing I just
I want to confirm something I've suspected for some time

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Amalia... No, Princess Ashe?

Haa
Haa

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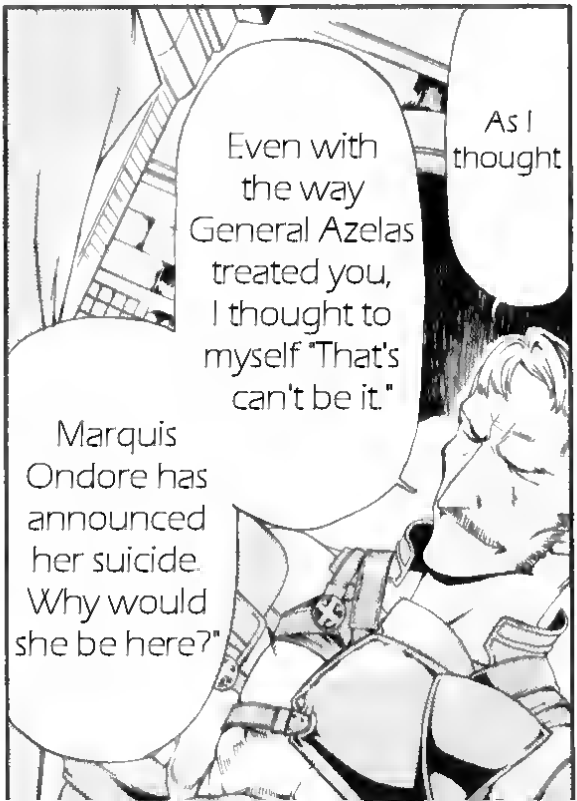
As I thought
Even with the way General Azelas treated you, I thought to myself "That's can't be it."
Marquis Ondore has announced her suicide. Why would she be here?"

So there were traitors within the Resistance ...I see
Please do the smart thing You can't win against all of us
Be-sides...
You can hardly call us traitors when you also hid your identity within the Resistance, right? —Your Highness

Such impudence!
Do not think for a moment that you shall capture me without a fight!
As long as Dalmasca has her pride...
Dalmasca is already in ruins! Her pride is nothing but sand!
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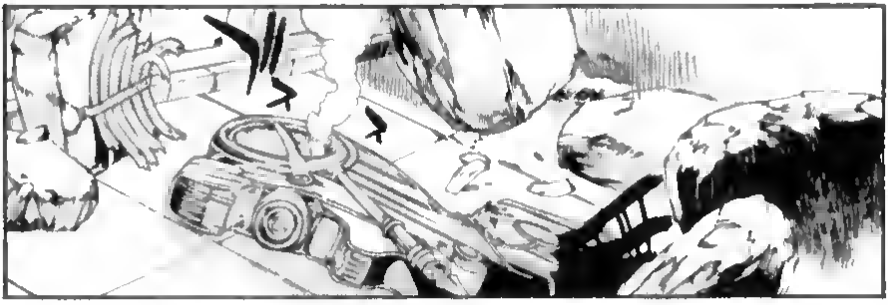
Ku-

Come!!
Oou

Damn-! After her!
Puaz-
Is my power not enough to even inflict a fatal blow?
.....!!

!?
The path...
Haa
Haa
It's a dead end?!
There's no escape I'll have to hold them off here
Forward...

Face forward!!



Ow~~~
Where...

-Geez. I've just been falling and getting chased all day. So unlucky. This is all that smug pirate's fault- he'd better beg my forgiveness.
The under-ground water-ways is it?

Gossiping about a person while sitting on his back? You've got courage, boy.
Yo-

What are you saying to a great future sky pirate?! I'll. .
You'd better be ready. My interest rate is really high, and I'll take it out of your backside
There's no way I'm giving you this stone. It'll make me a name, so lay off!
That's three you owe me
Aah——
Sky pirates lack any humanity, you know
Skip the bill!!
No, that's impossible.
No way, no way.
You cannot hate this child. He reminds me somewhat of you
...But,

For when I become a sky pirate!!
This stone is going to start me on my way. I won't hand it over to anyone - it's going straight into my savings for an airship, for when I..
Besides,
Give it up, boy

You say you're going to sell it? Watching you try to get a good price— that would be something to see
Ahh- I'm soaked through.
.....
Hurrying to do so will just make those of us watching feel embarr-assed for you
You shouldn't attempt the imposs-ible People simply cannot change
Brats should be silent when a lady is present
Bring it on!! I'll be your opponent anytime!
Shut up! You're just some guy calling him-self a pirate who runs away from Imperial soliders!
Stu-pid
Stu-pid

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……
I thought I'd sensed something strange within the Mist... But it was my imagination Let us move on
No...
What's the matter, Fran? With the Ifrit up there, going up would be playing with fire We'd best stay down here
?
Hey, that's...
Shut up— We just happen to be going the same way, that's all
Hey, boy, hurry it up, would you?
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Imperial soldiers are attacking someone!!
It's Vaan!!
My name isn't "boy"!
Wait, boy Don't go adding to our troubles
キュ
I wonder... shouldn't it be the leading man running to save the maiden at this point?

Tremble
My legs
Tremble
My arms
Haa
Haa
Who's next?!
Heavy...
My blood is burning, and my limbs are slowing.
My whole body is screaming. I've got no energy left.
I have to live.
Vossler said

Haa
Haa
Is this the end?
Though I'm alone, I'll take as many Imperial Troops with me...
If I'm to be some sort of captive...
So, at the very least,
I was annoyed at my helplessness, and angry at my incompetence
Don't give up yet!!
?
Not yet!!

you've got to jump!!!
と
ぶ
ヒュー

Stop her, you fools! Aim for the legs, don't let her get away!
GAH-
I suppose it's the fate of the leading man to be dragged into troublesome situations.
Sigh-

The quietly smoul-dering
Sparks of rebell-ion

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